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"OH SHIT!!  
I'M A FAGGOT!"



MORE CARTOONS AND FUN INSIDE...

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Tena koutou katoa,

Here we are again,  
with number two of  
our sensational  
magazine "TIME for  
lesbian and gay  
youth".

This issue is more  
varied than the last,  
with other items of  
importance to  
lesbians and gays.  
We have decided to  
inform you about  
ANYTHING that seems  
particularly  
important - as well as  
positive, fun sexuality  
stuff.

We are keen to get  
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us contributions, this  
doesn't have to be an  
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your copy of the  
lesbian/gay/bisexual  
youth survey from us  
or your local youth  
group.

Read on and have  
fun!!

Ka Kite, Rhiannon.

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# A Proud, Powerful and Progressive Night

"Movers, Groovers, Love, Sex, Food, Shows, Drag Queens, Dykes on Bikes, Sleaze, Dirt & Grime" are what Attitude 90's promotional poster offered, and it certainly delivered all of the above - one way or another.

Wherever the idea for this fundraiser came from it was certainly a good one. With an attendance of 800 it was not only a great night out for everyone there, but a big boost to the Lesbian and Gay Youth Group bank balance.

At \$15 a ticket - which in the form of a bold pink and black badge was a neat memento of the evening - some thought the price was a bit steep. Granted it is quite a bit of money for an entry fee, but with a return trip for two to Sydney as a door prize, a fantastic floor show, great lighting, Sydney DJ Craig Trustlove spinning high-energy house music and an incredible atmosphere it was pretty good value for money.

After all, Lesbian and Gay pride parties don't happen every night of the week!

The party started at 8.30 and when I arrived a little past eleven, it was just in time for the main floor show, which featured: A beautiful Harley Davidson, complete with Lesbians to adorn it - yes!

A highly synchronized routine where a chorus of gay men in drag started off as mannequins, then strutted their stuff ever - so - stylishly.

AND a provocative shower scene where two wimmin in full amazon body armour caused such a splash with their costumes and dancing that they commanded more of the crowds' attention than the two men in the other "shower" who pretty much let it all hang out - yes, yes, yes for the lesbians!

Lets face it - how many dykes wouldn't like a shower curtain with a large purple labryis hanging in their\* bathrooms? And the night didn't end there!

Once the floor show was over, the performers assembled on the main stage, along with the travel agent who donated the door prize and A.L.G.Y.'s youth worker Rhiannon who drew the

winning ticket for a very pleased man called Michael.

After all this, midnight rolled around and the movers and groovers well and truly hit the dance floor. Meanwhile, back on the stage, one of the many silhouette dance routines got under way and two cool wimmin let their shadows wiggle it behind a projection screen.

At the request of one of the organizers, Bradley Thompson, concerned about the small female input on the stage, they returned later with three other wimmin in a slightly more heated routine which, compared to some of the things the men did both behind the screen and out on the dance floor, looked positively wholesome.

I don't mean to bitch, but more than one woman said they felt uncomfortable with some of the rather graphic displays of male libido in action.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm as liberal as the next politically incorrect dyke and I think the men are just as entitled to express their sexuality as we are, but considering the mixed crowd, maybe some behaviour was a little below the belt, so to speak.

Sure, the crowd was fairly voyeuristic and didn't seem to object too much, but if wimmin had started stripping each other on the dance floor or performed simulated sex acts, would the audience's tolerance have been so great?

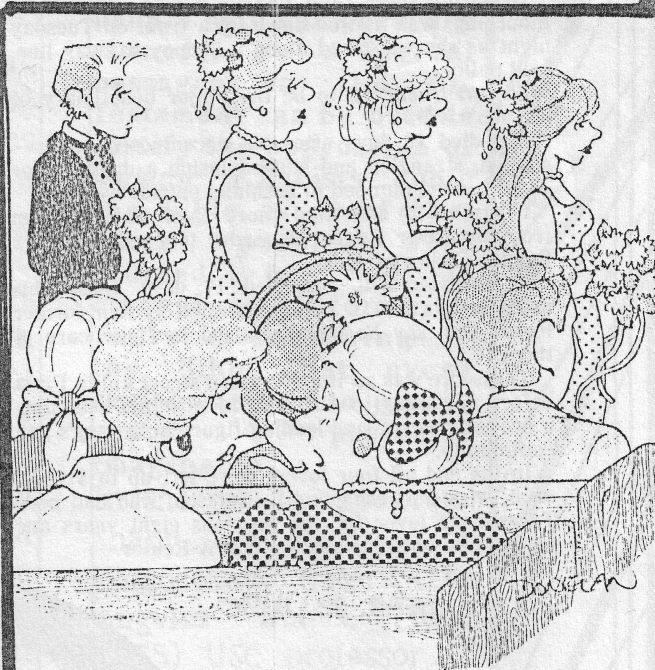
Enough of that negativity - after all, the men contributed financially and entertainment-wise to the party and pseudo sex aside were generally very amicable throughout the night. Some of them seemed quite shy and almost apologetic about needing to use the women's toilets, when the men's loo became over-crowded, but who could begrudge them that.

And while the drag queens treated the ladies room as their own domain, one in particular stole my affections with Minties in her handbag which she offered to those of us in the rest room, trying to gain a respite from the booming music.

I'm not sure if I'm just very ignorant, highly unobservant or was merely preoccupied at the time, but I've since been told that the use of rush (Amyl Nitrate), a "legal" substance, was abundant. I noticed the weird smell, but put it down to 800 sweaty people and intermingling body odours. Let's hope this blatant use of such drugs doesn't become commonplace in wimmin's clubs.

2:30am rolled around and like any tired young lesbian I went home with my cars ringing, my feet aching and my memory firmly emblazoned with this night which continued into the wee hours of the morning. I think it's safe to say that a gay old time was had by all!

Misha



THAT'S COUSIN MARIE. WE THINK SHE'S...WELL, YOU KNOW...THAT WAY.

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# IN THE NEWS

## Train kills gay fortune heir's mum

SYDNEY.— The bizarre saga of gay Australian millionaire Ludwig Gertsch, strangled after inheriting a fortune from his Aids-infected lover, has taken another twist.

Gertsch's 76-year-old mother Emma, dressed in mourning, was mowed down by a train on Tuesday night as she wandered along a Sydney railway line, said police.

She was believed to be the major beneficiary of her son's will.

She died 16 days after his decomposed body — gagged, strangled and stuffed inside a duvet cover — was found dumped in bushland outside Sydney.

Gertsch (46) inherited more than \$2.53 million from his lover Roger Teyssedre (60) who died six months earlier of Aids.

Teyssedre's will, amended 17 days before his death on April 20, is being contested by four former lovers who say he had promised to "take care of them".

Teyssedre was an impoverished street kid in Paris before migrating to Australia in 1950 and becoming a property owner and leading figure in Sydney's gay community.

In the end all four lovers were left up to \$12,659 each, with the rest going to Gertsch, who had been Teyssedre's lover for the previous eight years and nursed him until his death.—NZPA-Reuter.

## Landmark lawsuit by homosexuals

WASHINGTON.— A Washington lawyer and his businessman lover have filed a potential landmark lawsuit trying to become the first homosexuals to get married legally in the United States.

After being spurned by a marriage bureau a week ago when they sought a marriage licence lawyer Craig Dean (27) and Patrick Gill (23), a corporate manager, filed a lawsuit seeking to force the issue of a licence.

Holding hands outside the Superior Courthouse where they filed the lawsuit asking \$2.05 million in damages from the city government, they told a news conference they wanted the same marriage rights as heterosexual couples.

"We are outraged by this blatant act of discrimination," said Dean.

"With the filing of this lawsuit, we strike a blow for freedom and take another step forward in the fight for equal treatment."

One city official said in an interview that it was the first time a homosexual couple had filed for a marriage licence in the city.

Marriage experts said there are no legally sanctioned marriages between males or females in the United States, where in recent years many homosexual couples have gone through symbolic "marriage" ceremonies conducted by church officials — but without the legally binding licence.

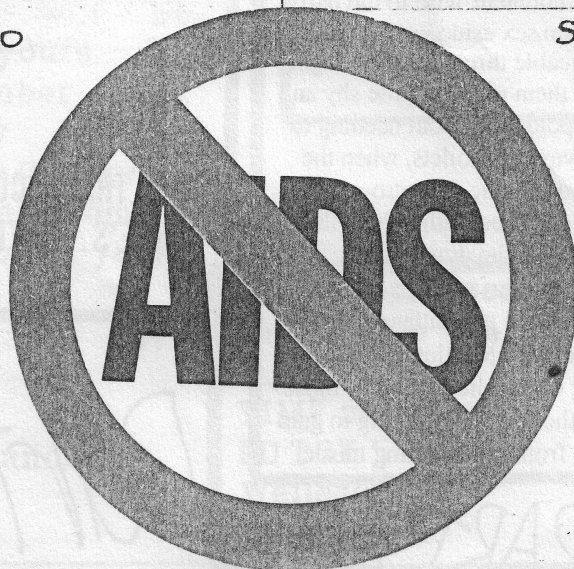
Dean's and Gill's court action claims the city is in violation of its human rights law, one of the most liberal civil rights laws in the nation.

The statute prohibits discrimination for various reasons, including sexual orientation. Also barred is discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, physical handicap, source of income and place of residence or business.

Their lawsuit also said local law does not specifically mention homosexuality as a bar to marriage, which can be prohibited under the law for various reasons, including polygamy, incest, syphilis or insanity.—NZPA-Reuter.

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# COUNTERING ANTI-GAY RELIGIOUS ARGUMENTS

Contrary to what the Moral Majority would like people to believe, historically there have been many times and places in which homosexuality has been accepted, and even honoured our relationships over heterosexual ones

In a book "Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality" John Boswell states "that by the eleventh century... gay people were prominent, influential, and respected at many levels of society in most of Europe, and left a permanent mark on the cultural monuments of the age, both religious and secular. Homosexual passions became matters of public discussion and were celebrated in spiritual as well as carnal contexts. Opposition to gay sexuality appeared rarely and more as aesthetic partisanship and civil leaders... In the latter half of the twelfth century... virulent hostility appeared... related to the general increase in intolerance of minority groups". In an interview in Christopher Streets magazine (October, 1976) John J. McNeil, the author of The Church and The Homosexual, says "The vast majority of homosexuals could not change their sexual orientation except possibly through behavioural methods such as electric shock. I

would consider that immoral - an effort which involved the destruction of the freedom and autonomy of the personality structure of the individual. There would be worse evil in such a change than could be conceived of in the original condition."

Mc Neil also writes that, "The sin of Sodom and Gomorra was inhospitality to a stranger (rather than homosexuality). And McNeil supports Boswell's view that "Many church leaders in the past were gay. There are probably a lot of gay saints"

Carl Rowan, in a column entitled "The threat Of Anita Bryant," (San Francisco Examiner, June 15, 1977) points out another problem imposed by the Moral Majority's tactic of using Biblical quotations selectively. Rowan says: "Of all the appeals to bigotry still virulent in America, the one that shames me most

is the newest: Anita Bryant's crusade against homosexuals. She quotes her version of the Bible to tell us that homosexuals will "have no place in the Kingdom of God," and in doing so the lady gives religion a bad name... I can quote Leviticus to prove that people who eat pork are sinners. Several passages in the Old Testament can be used to justify the oppression of women. Racists quote the Bible as proof that black people were "cursed" by God to eternal inferiority. There is something in the Bible that every zealot can use to justify every prejudice imaginable.

In the article "The bible: Shaky Ground for Homosexual Haters," (Los Angeles Times, June 1975) USC professor of biblical history and archaeology Gerald A. Larue says "Lifting scriptural passages from their literary setting and emphasizing these teachings to the exclusion of others is to



engage in dishonesty... Few members of our society believe that the emission of semen renders a male unclean or that the sexual act is unclean, as is asserted in Leviticus 15:16-18. Nor do many of us accept the teachings about a woman being so unclean during the menstrual period that everything she touches, sits on, or lies on is rendered unclean and must undergo ritual cleaning (Lev. 15:19ff). Nor do we generally believe in putting persons to death for committing adultery (Lev. 20:10). If we are willing to regard these and other Levitical laws as without authority in our present society, why should we be willing to accept anti-homosexual injunctions, which derive from the same writings (Lev. 18:22; 20:13)?

Professor Larue points out other similar out of date biblical passages. Matthew 5:27 says that when a man looks lustfully at a woman it is the equivalent of having sex with her. Matthew 5:32 says that one cannot obtain a divorce except on the grounds of adultery and that marrying a divorced woman is committing adultery. One Corinthians 14:34ff says that women should keep silent in church, and 11:4-10 says that women should cover their heads during worship.

Larue concludes with, 'perhaps the greatest perversion of all is to use the Bible as a social weapon it harms, hurts and dehumanizes.'

The Bible itself contains the great same sex love stories of Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1:16-17) and David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18-11 Samuel 1). Ruth's devotion to Naomi was so profound and beautiful that her words are incorporated into the common Christian marriage ceremony: "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and whither thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me." Ruth 1:16-17.

King Saul's son, Jonathan, loved David so much that he saved him from being murdered by Saul. The young men's love for each other was quite explicitly stated in the Bible, as these excerpts from the long story show: "The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul... And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and to his bow, and to his girdle... But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David... Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy should desireth, I will do it for thee... They kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded... I am distressed for thee, my

brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast though been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women... 1 Samuel 18:1-11 Samuel 1:26.

Increasingly, religious leaders are supporting lesbians, gay men and homosexual behaviour. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) released a 1977 study indicating that the Old Testament reference to homosexuality, appears to mean inhospitality rather than homosexuality.

The study said that Jesus never mentioned homosexuality and viewed sexual sins in the same way that he viewed other sins - in the context of broken relationships.

The Catholic Theological Society of America released the study "Human Sexuality" (66), including statements such as "the Bible is not a textbook of ethics and should not be seen as giving absolute prescriptions with regard to sex... As in the Old Testament, every statement in the New Testament regarding human sexuality is historically occasioned and conditioned... In the view of the weight of contrary historical evidence, anyone who maintains that the Bible absolutely forbids certain forms of behaviour, regardless of circumstances, must likewise bear the burden of proof." (66)

MORE BIBLE COUNTERING.



An abstract black and white drawing featuring thick, expressive, and somewhat chaotic brushstrokes. The strokes are primarily curved and sweep across the frame from the top left towards the bottom right, creating a sense of movement and texture. The lines vary in thickness, with some being very bold and others more delicate. The overall effect is reminiscent of a close-up of a textured surface or a dynamic, gestural sketch.

OK, MAYBE IT'S TOO SOON FOR  
LOVER. BUT ISN'T THE GUY I FUCK  
JUST A BIT GRAPHIC?

also protect the individual's right to have freedom from religion. Sexual minorities today are facing religious fundamentalists who try to use religion to deny others their human rights. Today many of the major religious groups support gay rights.

ABOUT WHAT THE LATEST BUDGET IS GOING TO DO  
TO SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFICIARIES?

Single adults sharing accommodation with others will lose out the most, their benefits will be 5.8% less for unemployed people and 16.7% less for sickness beneficiaries.

Special Needs Grants have been cut. \$200 is the maximum for anyone, and one is all you will get. Now only a certain amount is allocated for SMG's in each area, if your area runs out - TUFF! Young people will lose out mostly when it comes to moving into flats; the time when they need bond and rent in advance money (which is often up to \$500).

From December this year 16 and 17 year olds are not entitled

Work testing will be commonplace for beneficiaries including solo parents and sickness beneficiaries.

Eventually DSW will be able to access IRD files automatically.

People who want more information about this or who want to help campaigning against benefit cuts contact your local Unemployed Workers Centre or Beneficiaries Union.

In Auckland the number is: 399482.





# MORE SEX... FOR LESBIAN READERS

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# WHATS YA PROBLEM?

Tony Williams, gay counsellor of world renown, spiritual rebirther and hollistic do-gooder, gives advice...

Dear Tony,

I am writing to ask your advice on stubble. It hurts me Tony. My boyfriend shaves as often as he can and so do I, but when we kiss, we get into some kind of grid-lock. Stubble rash is now more annoying than my pubic dandruff problem. It's getting so bad I'm reconsidering my sexual orientation. What should I do?

Grizzly Adams

*Tony Replies:* A topical problem you have raised. The answer is that you must use lubrication. Smear water-based lube on yourselves before facial contact. I've found it actually feels better. Don't think of it as a "lust-stopper". Make it part of your love-making. Be creative. Safe stubble is good stubble.

As far as going straight is concerned, I feel you are losing sight of morality and traditional values! As older more well adjusted gay men know this is merely a phase which you will surely grow out of (no egism meant, of course).

Dear Tony,

I've read your column, and I think I'm in love. Are you available?

Ready and willing

*Tony Replies:* Before we launch into a romantic bevvy of discrete fun-times I need to know just a little more about you:

What colour is your hair?

What cereal do you like?

How big are your feet? and most importantly

Would you mind if my mother came along?

Please reply quickly, you sound just my type.

Claire Williams, author, lesbian guru, author, influential philosopher, and author, gives advice.

Dear Claire,

I am currently living in a large house in Newtown with 12 other lesbians and we seem to be having a few problems in establishing a fully supportive, consensus based, female utopia. I think it's Astral's fault because she wears red so much, as you know red encourages aggression and disharmony. She says that I'm a fascist and has now taken to wearing hetero-erotic jewellery. Also, Carmen and Tania have been playing Cliff Richard lately. Elizabeth has cooked bacon and Francesca has taken to watching Married with Children and Booker. I can feel the spread of phallogentric influence upon the household. How can I save my sisters from their ignorant self-oppression?

Azaria Labyris

*Claire Replies:* I can see drastic action is needed to cast out the evil demons of middle-class western societal influence. You must take steps immediately while the moon is waning!

Step 1: bleach Astral's red clothing. Do not use chlorine as it produces dioxins (I'm sure you're aware). Try lemon juice



or battery acid (from your tractor).

Step two: Remove the crystals from her jewellery and replace with amethyst.

Step three: Counsel her to redirect her aggression towards misogynist men and explain how you, her sister, only want the best for her.

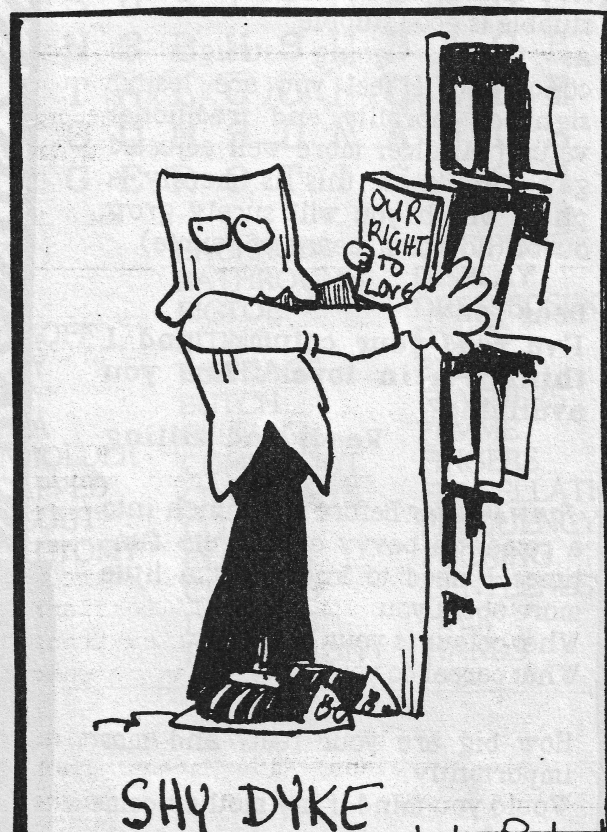
Step four: Replace Carmen and Tania's Cliff Richard records with KD Laing and Michelle Shocked. Explain that music from a South African - visiting, nuclear family promoting Christian could never sound good to a woman's ears.

Step five: Strong tactics are needed for Elizabeth I think, for she's got the taste of blood in her mouth. Spray "meat is murder" on her bedroom door, and replace the bacon in the fridge with soy and sunflower patties.

Step six: Stand in front of the T.V. and sing "I am Woman" when those vile shows are on. Francesca will be stirred to repent, by the lyrics I am sure.

After these actions I am sure your house will become the love embued, womanly paradise you long for. In case you need more help buy my book "101 Ways to Cast Out Misogynist Demons". If any more troubles occur you should find your answer within this book.

I wish you well.





# SAFE SEX GUIDELINES FOR LESBIANS ABOUT HIV

These guidelines do NOT cover all sexually transmitted diseases.

The only way HIV will be introduced into lesbian communities is through lesbians who use IV drugs and lesbians who have unprotected anal or vaginal sex with men.

While lesbian sex has a theoretical risk, HIV infection from sex between women is very rare. Virtually all the cases of HIV in women are from IV drug use and sex with men.

The practical risk of infection from lesbian sexual activity is very, very small

Under normal circumstances, lesbians don't need precautions such as dental dams and gloves.

The risk is increased if there is a transfer of blood either through cuts, sores or period blood.

Day to day living with someone who has HIV is perfectly safe.

If you are caring for someone with HIV/AIDS, contact the NZ AIDS Foundation for simple hygiene guidelines.

People with HIV/AIDS need support and love from their communities more than medical care. A supportive community is a safe one.

## SAFE \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Massage
- ☐ Hugging
- ☐ Sharing sexual fantasies
- ☐ Deep kissing
- ☐ Body to body rubbing (frottage)
- ☐ Masturbating alone or next to your lover
- ☐ Biting, without drawing blood
- ☐ Using sex toys, and either not sharing, or cleaning them between sharing, or using a new condom over them each time you swap them around
- ☐ S&M which doesn't involve exchanging body fluids
- ☐ Watching others

### Using Drugs

\*If you're injecting drugs, don't share needles, syringes or other equipment. Sharing needles is very, very risky for HIV.

### Artificial Insemination

If you want to have a baby, make sure the man you choose has had a negative test for HIV antibodies at least three months ago, and has practised safe sex since then. Otherwise using donor semen could be dangerous for HIV.

## POTENTIALLY UNSAFE \_\_\_\_\_

Any sexual activity is potentially unsafe IF there is blood to blood contact or vaginal fluid to blood contact. For example:

- ◆ Going down on each other when one of you has open sores or cuts in or around her mouth and the other has her period or is bleeding from vaginal tears or sores
- ◆ Either of you putting your fingers or fist in your partner's vagina or bum when you have open sores or cuts on your hand
- ◆ Sharing sex toys without cleaning or using a new condom over them each time you swap them around, especially if the sex toy causes bleeding or comes in contact with blood.
- ◆ Either of you licking your partner's anus when you have open cuts or sores around or in your mouth.
- ◆ S&M practises which result in one person's blood getting into the other's blood stream

As long as neither of you have open sores or cuts in or around your mouth, fingers or vagina, and neither of you have your period, these are also safe:

- ☐ Going down on each other
- ☐ Finger and fist fucking each other's vagina or bum
- ☐ Rubbing your lover's vulva (vagina) with your vulva (tribadism)